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SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT - BOEWANA AIRLINES

REF: (A) BERN 1512, (B) JAKARTA 0823
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1. WE CONTACTED BOEWANA AIR LINE IN JANUARY 1976 AND COLLECTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ADDITIONAL TO THAT IN REFTELS (B) AND (C) (WHICH HAVE BEEN REPEATED TO BERN). COMPANY, ALTHOUGH ESTABLISHED IN 1972, AS YET HAS NO AIRCRAFT BUT CLAIMS IT IS CONTEMPLATING BEGINNING BOTH PASSENGER AND CARGO OPERATIONS WITHIN INDONESIA IN 1976. PRINCIPALS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED REFTEL, INCLUDE SRI SOESOEHOENAN PAKOE BOEWONO XII, PRESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND SRI MOELYONO HERLAMBANG, ATTORNEY AND ADVISOR, PLUS THREE STAFF. THE FORMER IS A LEADING MEMBER OF THE ROYAL HOUSE OF SOLO.

2. THE COMPANY CLAIMED TO HAVE FINANCING OF \$U.S. 150 MILLION FOR PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT FROM INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AND ACCOUNTANCY, N.V., KAPELSESTEENWAG 925, 2070 EKEREN, BELGUIM, TELEX 31691. HOWEVER, FINANCING CONTINGENT UPON LOCAL BANK GUARANTEE, WHICH HAD NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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SO FAR BEEN FORTHCOMING. BOEWANA CLAIMED TO BAK WITH

FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK, JAKARTA AND BANK BUMI DAYA.
FIRST NATIONAL CITY CONFIRMED EXISTENCE OF ACCOUNT BUT SAID IT
HAD NOT BEEN LARGE OR ACTIVE.

3. BOEWANA'S APPLICATION FOR AN OPERATING PERMIT WAS
TURNED DOWN OCTOBER 3, 1975, AND WE WERE TOLD BY
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES IN JANUARY THAT DECISION FINAL. GIVEN
POLITICAL CONTACTS OF PRINCIPALS, POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE
RULED OUT THAT OPERATING PERMIT WILL EVENTUALLY BE
OBTAINED. HOWEVER, RECHECK APRIL 9 CONFIRMED NO CHANGE
IN SITUATION.

4. FIRM SUBSEQUENTLY ADDIED TO ITS REQUIREMENTS LISTED
JAKARTA 0823 TWO TO TEN D.C. 8 JETS, TWO TO TEN D.C. 9 JETS,
TWO TO TEN ROLLS-ROYCE JETS, TWO TO TEN VFW FOKKER F. 28
JETS, OR TWO TO TEN MIRAGE JETS. FORM SAID IT WANTED
TO BUY ONE OF THE ABOVE FIVE TYPES OF AIRCRAFT, NOT
ALL FIVE.

5. WE FOUND FIRM'S HEADQUARTERS IN A SMALL BUILDING IN
A RUN-DOWN AND PARTIALLY FLOODED SECTION OF THE CITY. IT
CLAIMED TO HAVE PLANS TO MOVE TO BIGGER OFFICE IN CENTRAL
PART OF CITY, BUT ADDRESS GIVEN REF (A) IS UNVHANGED.

6. GIVEN UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING FIRM, INCLUDING
FINANCING, OPERATING PERMIT, ETC., WE RECOMMEND AMERICAN
COMPANIES PROCEED WITH CAUTION.
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